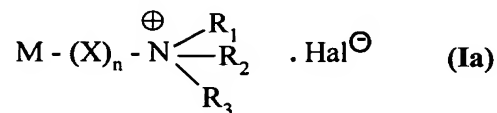


## ABSTRACT

Compounds of formula corresponding to either formula (Ia) or (Ib) :



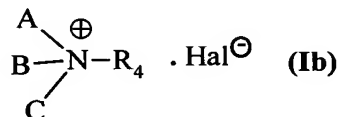
wherein :

- 5 M represents a molecule that can be used for the treatment or diagnosis of pathologies caused by attack on the cartilage,
- R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> represent an alkyl group,
- or R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub>, together with the nitrogen atom carrying them, form a heterocycle,
- 10 X represents a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylene chain in which one or more -CH<sub>2</sub>- groups are optionally replaced by a sulphur atom, an oxygen atom, or an -NR-, -CO-, -CO-NH-, -CO<sub>2</sub>-, -SO- or -SO<sub>2</sub>- group,

n represents 0 or 1,

Hal represents a halogen atom,

or,



- 15 R<sub>4</sub> represents an alkyl group,
- Hal represents a halogen atom,

- 20  $\begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{matrix} - N$  represents a molecule that can be used for the treatment or diagnosis of pathologies caused by attack on the cartilage, wherein the nitrogen atom may optionally be included in a saturated or unsaturated nitrogen-containing heterocyclic system, or included in a double bond; and pharmaceutical compositions thereof.